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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS

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1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1973 FROM KUWAIT EMBASSY REQUESTING PERMISSION INSTALL AND OPERATE RADIO TRANSMITTER IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

2. NOTE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY OR FACT THAT U. S. HAS OPERATED EMBASSY RADIO STATION IN KUWAIT SINCE EARLY 1963 AND THAT APPROVAL TO OPERATE OUR RADIO TRANSMITTER WAS NEVER REQUESTED FROM MFA. U. S. DID ACKNOWLEDGE TO MFA ON INFORMAL BASIS, MARCH 1963, THE EXISTANCE AND ACTIVE OPERATION OF OUR RADIO STATION. WE ALSO PROVIDED TECHNICAL DETAILS OF STATION. NO OBJECTION OR COMMENTS WERE MADE BY MFA. DEPARTMENT RECORDS INDICATE THIS WAS LAST EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT BETWEEN GOK AND US.

3. PUBLIC LAW 87-785 PERMITS U. S. GOVERNMENT TO GRANT RADIO
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RIGHTS TO FOREIGN EMBASSY IF PRESIDENT DETERMINES AUTHORIZATION DO SO WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL INTEREST AND WHEN THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES TO THE U. S.

4. SINCE WE HAVE HAD ADVANTAGE OPERATING OUR OWN EMBASSY RADIO TRANSMITTER IN KUWAIT FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO DO SO AND NO APPARENT RESTRICTIONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BEST INTEREST ALL CONCERNED TO ENTER AND CONCLUDE RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN U. S. AND GOK. SUCH ACTION WOULD LEGALIZE OUR OPERATION IN KUWAIT. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES RECOMMEND FAVORABLE DETERMINATION. PRIOR DOING SO, REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS AND/ OR CONCURRENCE. ROGERS

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